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## THE BROOKLYN SCANDAL.

### Continuation of Mr. Beach's Address.

### Some of Beecher's Rhetorical Expressions.

### How Some Eminent Divines Have Fallen.

NEW YORK, June 10, 1875.

The Brooklyn City Court room, this morning, was again the scene of a crowd more dense, if possible, than yesterday. Despite the instructions issued by Judge Neilson, when Mr. Beach, who was early in his arrival, entered, he was received with a storm of applause. Tilton was present, but Beecher and his wife were absent.

Mr. Beech then resumed his address to the jury, and said that an effort had been made to represent that the words imputed to Beecher by the plaintiff and his witnesses were such as were foreign to his style, and could have been employed by one so skilled in the use of the English language. There was no doubt that all the men accustomed to writing and public speaking had a style peculiar to themselves. Thus if any of the jury should see a pamphlet containing a speech by Mr. Evarts, with its title page gone, its internal evidence would be sufficient to indicate its authorship. He would see if the expressions imputed to Beecher were such as to indicate another paternity. For instance, counsel for the defense had urged that the term "paroxysmal kiss" was an absurdity which could never have come from the lips of Beecher. The word "paroxysmal" was a good one. It was known to the law in connection with the subject of insanity. He had taken pains to examine the published writings of Beecher, and in a single sermon had found the word used repeatedly.

Mr. Beach quoted numerous passages from this sermon in which the word paroxysm and paroxysmal were used in regard to repentance, love and other strong emotions. This came pretty near to a paroxysmal kiss. He then considered the expression "a moral Niagara," and argued that it was a piece of false rhetoric which Beecher never had used any more than he would have spoken of a moral haystack.

**Beecher's Rhetorical Expressions.**

Mr. Beach then cited a number of passages from Beecher's writings, to show his fondness for his extravagant rhetorical expressions and liberties which he was in the habit of taking with the English language. Among these were "apotheosized pumpkins," "an ethical furrow," "ghastly corpse of an apple pie," "umbrellical," "a pocket of ocean," "a typhoid conscience," "hailstone thinking," "the hill top of happiness," "pulver human," "a horse rupture," "curling volcanoes with milk," and many others. The expression of Beecher to Mrs. Moulton that she always impressed him as a section of the day of judgment has been ridiculed by counsel for the defence, who said that Beecher did not divide the day of judgment into sections. Well, when the day came he thought we should find out that it had at least two sections. [Laughter.] Mrs. Moulton was constantly urging on Mr. Beecher to confess, and was holding up before him the day of doom to which his course was leading, and he expressed a feeling which she produced upon him in a manner natural to man.

**Christ in the Position of Marriage.**

Mr. Beach then spoke of the attempt to represent as blasphemous the letter to his wife, in which Tilton speculated upon the character which Christ would have manifested in the position of marriage. He said that there was no character which had ever given rise to so much speculation and commentary as that of the Saviour's, and that this philosophical speculation on the part of Tilton involved no scoffing or irreverence. Tilton spoke of Christ as an historic character, he (Beach) no regretted, but in due course, by Beecher aside from his sacred character.

**Christ as an Historical Character.**

Mr. Beach quoted passages from Beecher's works and sermons, in which he spoke of Christ as an historical character, and one open to speculation and discussion. He argued that he showed a depth of thought and religious interest which was commendable in Tilton, that, immersed in the cares of business, he turned aside to speculate upon such a subject, which he trusted with no irreverence or indelicacy in connection in the letter which he wrote upon it to his wife.

**Reverence for the Lord's Prayer.**

Mr. Beach referred to the love or reverence which all had for the Lord's Prayer, taught to a child at the mother's knee. He then quoted an expression of Beecher in regard to it, in which he said its value was not lessened by the fact that when Christ taught it its sentiments were not new. Thus Beecher spoke of Christ as a plagiarist and as adopting for his own use what had before been repeated among men.

Mr. Beach cited other passages from Beecher's works as indicating a familiar mode of treating with Christ's life and attributes, and urged the injustice of seizing upon Tilton's letters, not professing his theories upon the doctrine, but written in private to his wife as an indication of moral obliquity.

**Porter's Tirade.**

He then spoke of the position taken by Porter that a man who could use such language as Moulton had employed concerning Beecher was not a creditable witness against him. Well, if this was so, what sort of a witness would Porter be after such language as he had used in regard to the plaintiff, in regard to Beecher, or in regard to woman?

**Moulton's Sacrifices.**

He then referred to the charge of treasonable conduct on the part of Moulton in his relations with Beecher were not changed by the simple appointment of a Church committee of which Moulton was chairman, but by Henry Ward Beecher—a false and calumnious charge that this long-tried and self-sacrificing friend was a blackmailer, this after Moulton had been sacrificing his time, his labor, his reputation, his morality even, in Beecher's case. Beecher was a great man, and his position, together with his age, rendered it unjustifiable for any young man to say to his face that he was

**A Liar and Villain.**

But Moulton was an impulsive man, as he had shown all along, and he was asserting under a sense of a great wrong. Never until this charge of blackmail was brought against him did he use a disrespectful word to Beecher.

**Moulton's Pistol.**

Mr. Beach then referred to Porter's charge of cowardice against Moulton because he carried a pistol to Beecher's house, and said that Moulton, engaged as he was in business which took him about the docks and warehouses and among rude men, was in the habit of carrying a pistol for protection in case of need. The whole evidence showed that he never used the weapon for the purpose of malicious idation.

The counsel next referred to the question

**Why Carpenter had not been Called,**

and said it had never been pretended by Morris or anybody else that Beecher had confessed adultery to him in express terms. Carpenter was held to contradict Beecher in rebuttal if the latter denied an interview with him at the house of Moulton, the evidence did not render it necessary.

Mr. Beach said that in his professional intercourse of thirty years with Porter he had gained the most affectionate respect for him, and that he had spoken, in kindness, words of reprehension which his duty had compelled him to utter in referring to the

**Unworthy Assaults of Porter**

upon the plaintiff and his witnesses. Vilification did not avail, and when he had called the attention of the jury to the rank injustice of Porter's epithets, he hoped it would lead them to reflect with care upon his argument. [Applause in the galleries.]

To Mr. Evarts, in his extended argument, had been assigned what might be called the heavy and the dark work for the defence. The wonderful power of language possessed by that gentleman he had endeavored to change from the position of the pardoner to that of the accuser. Instead of defending Beecher, he had tried to place Tilton and Moulton and Mrs. Moulton on the defendant's bench, and given the plaintiff's counsel to exculpate them from the indictment which he brought against them.

Mr. Beach then considered the proposition of Evarts that this form of action was an anomaly, and that the thing it was objectionable. It was

**An Extraordinary Proposition**

to come from an eminent lawyer. That proceeding, sanctioned by law, had brought without law was a legal anomaly, and it behooved discredit upon the citizen who resorted to it to the punishment of the seducer. Was there no punishment, then, no means of inflicting legal chastisement upon him who invaded the sanctity of a household? According to the position of Mr. Evarts, there was none. Our homes might be broken up, our families destroyed, our wives and daughters seduced, without any remedy from law established to protect society. So strong was human feeling upon this subject that it protected the injured man who took the law into his own hands, forgetting the declaration,

**"Vengeance is Mine, Sayeth the Lord."**

When had there ever been a conviction of a husband or parent who adopted such a course? But here a man came into a Court of justice by the only path which was open to him, and restrained his arm from fatal vengeance which was opposed to the law of man and of the Almighty. He was told that his Christian forbearance was ignominious, and that he was a miserable seeker after pelf. It was for the jury to say which view they would inculcate, whether they would diminish the number of lawlessness and bloodshed or stain the teachings of Scripture and the majesty of the law of the land. He would endeavor to show by and by what claims there were for this forbearance extended by Tilton to the faulty wife and heavy headed seducer, and then they could determine whether this plaintiff deserved to be hounded out of Court. He had no desire to detract from the extravagant laudation of Mr. Beecher as a preacher and a public man, but when it was assumed that

**Beecher Could Not Sin.**

he took issue with the counsel for the defense. The doctrine ran all through their addresses that because Beecher was a great preacher, a great writer, and had done a great deal of good, therefore he was incapable of sin; and if he had sinned it was a miracle. If we accepted this doctrine, what became of the teachings of the Bible, and of our experience of the world? Were we to accept the theory that the human heart was not deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, that men no longer made the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in, that men must be good because they appeared good, what became of the atonement under this theory? What need was there for a God to descend from Heaven and sacrifice himself for the sins of men if men could become perfect without the shedding of sinless blood? He denied this doctrine, but he did not wish to disparage in any way the value of Beecher's character. The most eloquent words of the counsel for the defense had been expended on this point. He reverenced character, and especially that holy character which should attach to a minister of that God whom, if he did not adore in a Christian spirit, he at least reverenced and feared. The case rested upon oral testimony alone, leaving out that of Mrs. Moulton, he should hesitate long to believe that the defendant could be guilty of this charge, although it was brought by two men whom he believed to be as pure and honorable as any who had ever adorned the ranks of literature or of that business which had been so highly extolled by his learned friend.

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A recess was then taken. The crowd after the recess was as great as in the morning. Tracy and Moulton spoke to each other, and laughed as they came in, the circumstance causing considerable surprise and comment among the audience.

Mr. Beach resumed his address to the jury, and referred to the regret expressed by Mr. Porter that W. C. Bartlett had been prevented from engaging as counsel in this case. As Mr. Bartlett was connected with a newspaper in the city of New York, he would quote from that journal what might be considered as

**Mr. Bartlett's Present Opinion,**

whatever his views might have been in the early stages of this case. He then read an extract from an editorial on this case, in which it was argued that a superficial good character did not afford an insight into the "true inwardness" of a man or inform one of the "bottom facts" in a man's career; that the patriarchs of Israel, the men beloved of God, were guilty of many sins, and that the best in all ages and centuries had illustrated the truth of the Westminster Confession, that we all inherit a corrupt nature, and we are inclined to do evil. The article also set forth that Beecher had never been inclined to asceticism, but had always been disposed to gratify the desires of the flesh. So much, said Mr. Beach, for Bartlett.

Mr. Porter—Do you mean to say that Mr. Bartlett wrote that?

Mr. Beach—I mean to say that Mr. Bartlett is closely connected with that journal, and is in the habit of making to it some of its most able contributions.

**Fallen Divines.**

Mr. Beach then asked the jury to look at the precedents of this kind, and referred to the cases of a number of eminent divines who had been convicted of adultery, and said Lucifer, the great Archangel, fell, and of two of the chosen disciples of the Saviour, one defied the Master and the other betrayed Him. The instances of man's depravity and proneness to sin proving that the most exalted are not only not free from temptation, but are often too weak to resist it, might be multiplied a hundred fold.

Mr. Beach then referred to the case of Professor Webster, of Howard College, who, holding the highest position in Boston, murdered Dr. Parkman, moved by the influence of mercenary motives, and after a denial of his guilt was tried, convicted and hanged. In the trial, he here, the argument was that a high position and public reputation could not possibly have been guilty of such a crime. Take away the shield of character, judge of Henry Ward Beecher as of any other man, according to the preponderance of the evidence, and could there be any doubt as to what the judgment in this case would be?

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INDIANAPOLIS, June 10.—The Temperance Convention assembled this morning. The constitution adopted by the National Association at the Chicago meeting was read and unanimously approved. It also the constitution of the Indiana State organization adopted one year ago, but modified in minor particulars by the Executive Committee so as to cover points heretofore overlooked. Both of these matters were endorsed under a motion cutting off discussion. While the Committee on Enrollment were securing a list of the delegates present, the Hutchinson Fadilly sang, "Come, Join the Temperance Band." Five minutes were allotted for delegates from each county to speak on the work in their particular county.

### Jerome Park Races.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The Juvenile stakes, dash of half a mile, for two year olds, was won by Lorillard's Leamington Felicity filly, Freebooter second, Warlock third; time, 50 seconds. The second race, mile heats, was won by Springbok, Speshiff second, Big Fellow third; time, 1:44½ and 1:46¾. The third race was a dash of a mile and a half, for a purse of $500. Only two started—McDaniel's Madge and Donahoe's Scratch. Denied this doctrine, but he did not wish to disparage in any way the value of Beecher's character. The most eloquent words of the counsel for the defense had been expended on this point. He reverenced character, and especially that holy character which should attach to a minister of that God whom, if he did not adore in a Christian spirit, he at least reverenced and feared. The case rested upon oral testimony alone, leaving out that of Mrs. Moulton, he should hesitate long to believe that the defendant could be guilty of this charge, although it was brought by two men whom he believed to be as pure and honorable as any who had ever adorned the ranks of literature or of that business which had been so highly extolled by his learned friend.

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### Sinking of the Steamship Vicksburg.

### Over Forty Lives Lost.

### STATEMENT BY A SURVIVOR.

### A Terrible Tale of Suffering.

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The steamship State of Georgia, which arrived this morning, brought five seamen of the Dominion Line steamship Vicksburg, from Montreal for Liverpool, which was sunk by ice on Tuesday, June 1st. The men were picked up on June 5th, nearly dead from exposure, but since then have been rapidly improving. They tell a fearful tale of distress. The other boats were launched with a large number of persons, but the greater number were seen to perish without getting on the boats. The Vicksburg went down in the midst of the ice, and the boat was surrounded by icebergs and field ice when picked up. The other boats have not yet been heard from.

The five men rescued had their feet and legs very much swollen, so much so that their boots had to be cut from their feet. They are now in the hospital, suffering greatly from pain and cold, but are recovering as fast as could be expected.

**James Crowley's Statement.**

We left Quebec on Thursday Morning, May 28, with a crew of sixty men, all told, and eight saloon passengers, five gentlemen and three ladies, and about twenty in the steerage. Four of these were females. The weather was fine until nine o'clock Sunday evening, May 30, when we fell in with a field of ice and were soon surrounded by it. The ship was stopped until daylight, when we proceeded again with but little ice in sight. At 9:30 P. M. on Monday all hands were on deck, and we thought that because they committed their sins at night they could be hidden; and, again, that there were some men who could not hide their guilty passions from the eyes. This, said Mr. Beach, was uttered from Plymouth Church pulpit by Mr. Beecher. Mr. Beecher also says that the intellectual forces were increased in a much greater degree than they were before, but that animal passion remained exactly the same as they had always been. "Find me," said Mr. Beecher, "a great prelate or bishop who made the world greater than he found it, and I will find you some crime in him."

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### State Temperance Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10.—The Temperance Convention assembled this morning. The constitution adopted by the National Association at the Chicago meeting was read and unanimously approved. It also the constitution of the Indiana State organization adopted one year ago, but modified in minor particulars by the Executive Committee so as to cover points heretofore overlooked. Both of these matters were endorsed under a motion cutting off discussion. While the Committee on Enrollment were securing a list of the delegates present, the Hutchinson Fadilly sang, "Come, Join the Temperance Band." Five minutes were allotted for delegates from each county to speak on the work in their particular county.

### Jerome Park Races.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The Juvenile stakes, dash of half a mile, for two year olds, was won by Lorillard's Leamington Felicity filly, Freebooter second, Warlock third; time, 50 seconds. The second race, mile heats, was won by Springbok, Speshiff second, Big Fellow third; time, 1:44¼ and 1:46¾. The third race was a dash of a mile and a half, for a purse of $500. Only two started—McDaniel's Madge and Donahoe's Scratch. One of the pools sold before the start was: Madge $60, Scratch $40. Scratch won by a length; time, 2:37.

### Terrific Boiler Explosion.

BUFFALO, June 10.—The tug boat R. R. Hifford exploded her boiler at six o'clock this morning, in the harbor near the lower part of the central wharf, killing Captain Jas. Hand, engineer Edward Day, a resident of Cleveland, and a boy whose name is unknown. A fisherman was also very seriously injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The boat was blown to atoms and the wreck sunk. The force of the explosion was so great that the body of Captain Hand was thrown over a four-story building one hundred and fifty feet across the street. The body of Engineer Day sunk in the harbor.

## ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

### Regular Meeting Last Night.

### Reports from the Committees—How the Departments are Working—What the People Ask for in the Way of Improvements—General Business.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of Allegheny Councils was held last evening.

*SELECT COUNCIL.*

J. C. PATTERSON.....President.
R. T. WHITE.....Clerk.

The following members were present: Messrs. Cochran, Callery, Day, Heagy, Huckestein, Hax, Hartman, Knox, Kreiling, McRoberts, McKelvey, Phillips, Smith, Slack, Walton, Voegtly and President Patterson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. SLACK presented a petition for water main on West Jefferson street. Referred.

Mr. HUCKESTINE, petition from John Bernard, for refunding of overpaid taxes. Referred.

Mr. HARTMAN, petition for opening of Lighthill street. Referred.

Mr. REED, a resolution for a gas lamp on East Ohio street. Referred.

Mr. VOEGTLY, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the report of that committee. They reported adversely to the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuing of $100,000 of sewer bonds, for the construction of a main sewer on McClure avenue. Report received.

The same gentleman submitted the report of the Controller, showing the expenditures of the city during the past month, of which the following is a recapitulation.

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| No. 1 Salaries | $ 3,069 27 |
| No. 3 Fire Department | 3,943 52 |
| No. 5 Streets | 5,232 86 |
| No. 6 Wharves and Landings | 105 05 |
| No. 7 Sinking Fund | 250 00 |
| No. 8 Police | 3,954 93 |
| No. 9 Contingent Fund | 3 60 |
| No. 11 Water Works | 3,760 32 |
| No. 13 Gas | 99 09 |
| No. 16 City Property | 335 30 |
| Total | $20,753 94 |

Report received and the several bills ordered to be paid.

He also submitted the report of the Controller of the receipts and expenditures during the month of May.

The same gentleman presented the report of the Street Committee. Several ordinances accompanied the report. Report received and the ordinances referred back to be printed.

The following printed ordinance accompanied the report:

Ordinance for grading and paving of Evans alley. Passed.

Mr. COCHRAN, chairman of the Street Committee, presented the report of that committee. Report received.

The following ordinance accompanied the report: Ordinance for opening and widening of North alley. Passed.

Also, report of viewers on opening of Kerr street. Confirmed.

Also, report of viewers on opening of Pasture Lane. Referred back to the viewers.

Mr. MCKNIGHT presented the report of the Committee on Railroads. Report received.

The following ordinance accompanied the report: Ordinance prohibiting persons from trespassing on railroads and railroad cars. The ordinance was amended and referred back to be re-printed with the amendment.

Mr. MCKELVEY called up the ordinance fixing the license fee for shows, exhibitions, fairs, &c. Passed.

Mr. SMITH called up the ordinance providing for the grading and paving of Stockton avenue, and moved its final passage. Passed.

The same gentleman moved for a reconsideration of the ordinance repealing the ordinance for opening of Federal Lane, which had been defeated at the last meeting. The motion was carried, and after considerable discussion, the matter was laid over.

Mr. HAX called up the ordinance allowing Charles Wehmer the right to erect a frame building, passed in C. C., and moved to concur. Adopted.

S. C. concurred in the resolution adopted in C. C., that during the next three months but three meetings of Councils be held.

Adjourned.

*COMMON COUNCIL.*

WM. P. PRICE.....President.
R. DILWORTH.....Clerk.

At eight o'clock President Price ascended the tribune, waved his mallet majestically and bowed down upon it. There not a quorum failed to respond to the summons. The clerk was then requested to shy around, and bring the loiterers up standing. Ten minutes were whiled away in this manner, when the clerk returned with several recruits. The roll was then called, the following members answering: Messrs. Beddell, Brown, Burton, Biber, Cooke, Cochran, Drum, Gschwend, Johnson, Kerr, Lang, McGuire, Nesmith, Pentecost, Sholes, Stone, Schmitt, Jas. Wilson and President Price.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting were dispensed with.

Mr. JAMES WILSON presented a resolution providing for the suspension for three months of that part of the rules which required meeting of Councils on the fourth Thursday of each month. The resolution was passed.

Mr. BROWN, a petition from Thompson & Lysle, proprietors of the oil mill on West Diamond street, for new water main. Referred.

Mr. KREDEL, petition for flagstone crossing on Federal street, at intersection with Sampson. Referred.

Mr. MCGUIRE, petition for water main on Spring alley. Referred.

MR. COOKE, resolution for crossing at the corner of Fayette street and Beaver avenue, also for gas lamp on the corner of Page and Chestnut streets. Referred.

Mr. JOHNSTON, petition for Water main on Ward's alley, Fifth ward. Referred.

Mr. BIBER, resolution for two box sewers on Locust street, Tenth ward; also resolution for establishment of grade on Spring alley. Referred.

Mr. SCHMITT, resolution for a fire plug on Spring Garden avenue. Referred.

Mr. GSCHWEND, remonstrance against the opening of Monroe street, Eighth ward. Referred.

Mr. JAMES WILSON, petition for gas lamp on the corner of the Perrysville road and Wilson avenue. Referred.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Wooden Buildings, presented an ordinance granting Charles Wehmer the right to erect frame buildings, as coopers shops, on Braddock street, near P. Ft. W. & C. R. R., Second ward.

An ordinance granting John Craig privileges to open and maintain a carpenter shop on Asylum alley, Second ward.

An ordinance granting A. J. Nellis & Co. the privilege to erect an iron clad office on Rebecca street, near Allegheny avenue, First ward. The ordinances were all lost, the members being opposed to the erection of any more frame and iron clad buildings.

Mr. BROWN, from the committee on railroad reported a resolution thanking the insurance companies of Allegheny and Pittsburgh for the donation of the eight fire plugs lately mentioned by us some days ago. Report received and the resolution of thanks passed.

Mr. SHOLES from the Market committee made the following report of receipts for May:

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| Markets | $1,433 00 |
| Second ward scales | 309 02 |
| Diamond scales | 164 02 |
| Fourth ward scales | 15 78 |
| Total | $1,921 82 |

Received and filed.

Mr. JAMES WILSON from the Committee on Wharves and Landings, reported the facts about the case of letting Messrs. Robinson & Brother have privilege to erect a small frame office on the wharf at the foot of Smithfield street. The committee said that when Robinson & Bro. asked permission to erect said office the committee referred the matter to the City Solicitor, who reported to them that if the building was placed there, any citizen could have the parties erecting said office indicted for a nuisance. The committee thinking that it effected nobody gave Messrs. Robinson & Bro. the right for one year at $100. If there has been a mistake made, it was not done intentionally for the purpose of gaining additional revenue for the city. As Messrs. Robinson & Bro. have been to considerable expense the committee recommends now that Councils pass a resolution allowing the parties the right to occupy the building on the wharf for the term of one year, for which time the Wharf Committee gave them the lease. The report received and the resolution passed by a vote of 9 ayes to 8 nays.

The report of the Survey Committee approved in S. C. May 13, was read, and C. C. referred back to the committee that portion in relation to the City Engineer's office at the request of Mr. Sholes, who said he had some evidence to offer.

An ordinance for the opening of Forbes street, from Western avenue to Rebecca street, S. C. passed finally. In C. C. the ordinance was lost for want of a constitutional majority. Resolution for the removal of frame buildings on the Allegheny wharf at the foot of Sandusky street; S. C. passed, C. C. concurred.

Plan of streets in Reineman's plan of lots. In S. C. approved, C. C. concurred. Report of viewers on the opening of Kerr street. In S. C. approved, C. C. concurred.

Mr. BROWN, resolution for gas lamp corner Third street and West alley.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1875.


BONDS at Frankfort 99¾.

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 116¼.

IT seems probable that the sentences of Lynch and Briceland will be commuted to imprisonment for life,—the Court of Pardons having so recommended. The Governor's approval is necessary for final action.

THE Secretary of the Treasury thinks that specie payments may be resumed, so far as silver is concerned, in about six months. About ten million dollars will be required, if the crops are abundant, and fifteen millions, if there is a dearth.

REUBEN SPRINGER, the generous Cincinnatian who offered $50,000 for the Exposition buildings, provided $125,000 were raised, offers as much more for specified buildings, subject to the same conditions. They evidently are waking up in Cincinnati on this subject.

COLONEL LONG, who was dispatched by the Khedive of Egypt to the Niam-Niam country, discovered by Schweinfurth, has returned to Cairo, bringing with him two specimens of that race, which differ from those brought by Schweinfurth, in that they are of great girth of body, while the former were lean, as well as short. Colonel Long does not think them cannibals, although they fight with poisoned arrows. His journey was attended with great fatigue and danger, but was very romantic.

WE HAVE received a little *brochure* giving a description of Atlantic City, one of the great watering places of the New Jersey coast. It is reached from Philadelphia by the cars of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad,—the trip occupying less than two hours. It is claimed that this is the healthiest as well as most convenient watering place on the coast, and it certainly appears to fine advantage in the splendid illustrations and graceful descriptions of this little work.

THE President is reported to have recently said that he would not retain in office, either in the Customs or Internal Revenue office, any officer under whose administration frauds occur. We hope this policy may be adopted and rigidly carried out. It may work hardly in some cases, but it will stimulate officials to proper activity in other instances, and, as a result, contribute to the service. Thus, the many evils, of which complaint is so frequently made, will be removed, and purity accompany rigid accountability in the public service.

A MOVEMENT has begun in England which might well be adopted in this country. It is that of reducing the cost of mourning. Under the rigid rules that prevail there, not only is great expense unnecessarily entailed upon families that suffer loss by death, but the color and even cut of their clothing is arbitrarily prescribed. Thus an element of gloom is thrown into families, already saddened by bereavement, and the expense is large. A simpler, less pronounced mourning garb is being designed, and rules are in process of arrangement which will make such events less costly.

THE many telegrams from Spain seem to indicate rather easy campaigning. A great victory is claimed by the Carlists, as the result of a two days' battle, in which one hundred and forty-six prisoners are captured. In view of the operations in the war of the rebellion, this seems like the merest trifle of a skirmish line contest. It is very evident that the war in Spain is chiefly the effort of each party to hold certain lines of territory, but does not involve aggressive measures, from either side, of much force and consequence. It is very evident, however, that this dilatory and inconsequential war is rapidly exhausting the resources of the country.

CHARLES NORDHOFF finds, as he looks farther into affairs at the South, that all is not so gentle and kind as has been represented. He relates a recent instance of Mississippi life, giving place and county. A negro girl chose to change employment, in order that she might go to school. Her former employers came to where she was, knocked her down, dragged her out, and took her back, whipped her till blood ran down her back, and then chained her. She eventually escaped, and the United States District Attorney prosecuted her captors, and the facts related came out in evidence. The local Democratic magistrate even saw the brutality, but refused relief. So the stories of Southern barbarity are not mysteries after all.

NEW ORLEANS, a Democratic city, illustrates its development of high moral principles by having a lottery possessed of chartered rights, which forbid even the city from selling a premium bond to aid in liquidating its debt. This premium bond, however, is nothing more, probably, than a lottery, and, thus, it is a question whether a private lottery with large powers, shall make money, or the city draw enough into its coffers, by a gambling process, to pay its debt. Either circumstance serves to illustrate the high moral tone of New Orleans under Democratic rule. Gambling legalized,—and a contest whether the chartered, private gambling enterprise, or that of the city, shall have the preference.

OUR Courts are, just now, the centre of much interest. In one, the Smoky Island suit is in progress, involving the title to nearly ninety acres of property, fronting on the Allegheny river, in Allegheny. The title is claimed by three parties,—the heirs of the Irwin estate, the city of Allegheny, and certain persons who bought the title of the Indian Kilbuck, and afterward had it ratified by the Legislature. The suit now pending is more for the purpose of securing the record of certain evidence, the decision in any event, being subject to appeal to the Supreme Court. The value of the property is involved in doubt, it being, as yet low, and liable to overflow. Once filled up,—a work that will involve large expense, and the frontage will be valuable. There are now large sums due Allegheny for unpaid taxes, which will probably result in other suits.

THE *Post* thinks it stupid in us to believe that there is any lack of harmony in the Democratic party in this county. Perhaps so; and the patronizing way in which it belittles the importance of all who oppose the newly established Ring, ought to convince us that this is so. It may yet turn out that the stupidity consists in *not* believing there is a lack of harmony among the unterrified. The trial, in progress at the Court House, and which is the outgrowth of political animosity, is one of the signs of a lack of harmony. Perhaps Messrs. Moore, Hopkins, Hutchinson, and others, are mere drivelers, and their following nothing, but let a prominent representative of the ruling Ring secure a leading nomination, and we will see whether they have influence or not. The ostrich that hid its head in the sand, and refused to see those who were seeking to capture it, did not thereby blot them out of existence; and the *Post* doesn't exactly etheralize its opponents by declaring they do not exist. It has not yet been trusted with a magician's wand.

AS TIME passes, and the period for the Centennial Exposition draws near, interest in the enterprise becomes more marked and earnest. The appropriations already made, and the reliable promises given, now remove the last doubts as to the success of the enterprise. Pennsylvania, of course, leads the States in her contributions to this great undertaking. The State has given $1,500,000, and the city of Philadelphia as much more; the citizens have subscribed $2,000,000, and the enthusiastic Commonwealth is pledged to make up any deficiencies that may occur. Massachusetts is also taking a prominent part. Besides the $50,000 appropriated by the State, the chief manufacturing interests, responsive to Commissioner Loring's appeal, will raise $100,000 more, and other sums will be forthcoming. New York has granted $25,000, and large subscriptions have been received from manufacturers, merchants, and others. Ohio has taken an active part in the Centennial work. The State managers have an appropriation of $15,000, and a promise of $50,000 more, while more space has been applied for in the exhibition than by all the other Western States together. New Jersey has subscribed for $100,000 of Centennial stock, and manifested its interest in other substantial ways; while from almost every other State come cheering reports, both of the direct support that will be given and the displays that will be made. Its complete success is perfectly assured.

### TO-MORROW'S DUTY.

Republican voters in this county cannot be too strongly impressed with the importance of attending the primaries to-morrow, and taking part in the selection of delegates. They can thus determine the character and quality of their ticket, and put the party in a position to achieve an easy victory, or to suffer a disastrous defeat. For each of the offices to be filled several candidates present their claims, and the election of delegates practically settles which shall be successful. There are also considerations of locality. We will regret it if the candidates, however good, should all come from Pittsburgh, or even from Pittsburgh and Allegheny. The country has its claims, and these should be considered. We mention these points, not to elaborate them, but to suggest that they afford reasons for a very active and earnest interest in the primaries. We strongly urge that, as the hours are between four and seven of the afternoon, on Saturday, and the places generally convenient, all Republicans attend, and do their duty toward securing the wisest possible selection of candidates.

This duty, however, may be pressed on other grounds. Complaint has been made, for a few years past, that rings and combinations controlled nominations. Our defeat last Fall was attributed to the idea that the ticket was set up, and, therefore, unacceptable. We have now a long list of candidates, for each of the offices to be filled, some of whom, certainly, are unaffiliated with any Ring, and if there is a proper effort made, this source of trouble may be easily put aside. We believe that the best men should be nominated, and surely they are sufficiently known for this to be determined without trouble. A large proportion of the intelligent and wealthy classes are accustomed to turn up their noses at politics and politicians, and make it their boast that they never read political articles, never attend a primary meeting, and never take the trouble to vote except when it perfectly suits their convenience. The neglect of the more substantial and intelligent classes of the people to attend to the affairs of their own Government, is working a serious evil. In this country, politics has become a trade, and men unqualified for office, and regardless of the public welfare, make use of the worst material in the community for the purpose of serving their own ends. The result is seen in the mistakes, the peculations, the tyranny and general malfeasance of incompetent men and unprincipled officials. Why do such men get into office? Simply because good men for public position, disgusted with politics, will not serve the public. Our merchants, our manufacturers, our best lawyers and other professional men refuse to accept nominations for public positions. Apparently they have too little patriotism to do their duty as members of the body politic. They are shocked at the way things are going on, and are the first to complain of official misconduct; yet they will neither do the public work themselves, nor exercise their influence to select proper men to do it. They make it their boast that they ignore politics. This is all wrong. The system or government under which we live is, in theory, that the people rule. But if large masses of our most respectable citizens refuse to exercise their right to rule, what else can they expect but a bad government? The sharpers of politics and their followers, who make their living out of politics, are better workers than those who ought to maintain the control of public affairs.

It should also be borne in mind that non-attendance at the Primaries continues the control of the party in the hands of those who are thought to be unworthy of it. Hence the fault is in part with the class who neglect their duty when but a small sacrifice of time and convenience is necessary to perform it. Merchants, manufacturers, and men of Pittsburgh;—it is your duty to take a direct and personal interest in the selection of every officer who is to administer your affairs. Go to the primary meetings, control them by your influence and your votes. Cease to regard politics as a "dirty trade," which you are content to leave to others. If it is a trade, you, yourselves are the parties who, in the end, are bought and sold. You boast of your franchises, yet you will not use them. If you desire the standard of the political morality of the country to be advanced, you, and you only must do it. From constable to President, the offices in this country are something in which every citizen of the United States has a direct interest, and if you suffer men to whom common honesty is but a name to regulate your affairs you have no right to complain if they are badly regulated. It will not do for the sound, solid, industrious men of the community to say, "we hate politics: they are debased and mean, and whoever touches pitch will be defiled." How did they become so except by your own negligence of your duty as a citizen. Will they ever be any cleaner as long as you leave them to the hands of dirty men? Will they ever be more respectable until you make them so? The masses of the leading citizens are to blame for this kind of neglected duty. They sneer at politics and politicians. They are the men who should be willing to serve the public in official station, and to vote on all occasions for the right kind of men for such stations. If the grog shops and the corner loafers are to rule the Government, you are responsible for it. So long as respectable men hold aloof from primary meetings, and from elections, so long the people will be subject to the schemes of wire workers and crafty politicians who have but their own ends to serve.

The offices to be filled this year are important and responsible. They are the most important in the county. We have a Controller, through whose hands the accounts of the county must pass, and who will have in charge important financial interests. Certainly, he should be a tried, upright and capable man. The Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court is an officer whose duties are extended under the new Constitution, and are even now difficult, complex and delicate. A trained and expert, as well as just and judicious official is needed for that station. The Sheriff is one of the very important offices of the county, and possesses certain representative qualities. The occupant requires certain rare qualifications, and should be a man of stamina and dignity of character. The position of Recorder is, to an extent, clerical, yet it is an office that deals with deeds, mortgages, and papers of record, that are very valuable. The Commissioners may be regarded as equal in importance to any of the officials named. Thus a very responsible duty rests upon the party in the selection of candidates to fill those offices. Remember that to stay away from the Primaries does not evade the responsibility that rests upon you.

### PERSONAL.

THE Princess of Wales has more than her share of suffering. In addition to rheumatism, she is losing her hearing.

PROF. J. P. WICKERSHAM has been appointed State Superintendent of Education, receiving his commission on Monday.

MRS. BURNHAM says that Julia Ward Howe affects the favorite attitude of Daniel Webster; that is, she keeps one hand under her coat tail.

JEFF. DAVIS has been kissing the girls at a reception in a Texas town. And he will shortly remark to Mrs. Davis that all he wants is to be let alone.

CARL SCHURZ is moosing in the official archives in Berlin for documents relating to the early history of the United States, which he proposes to write.

LUCY STONE says it's wicked to wear corsets, as Eve didn't have any. Eve didn't have any clothes, and, therefore, it's wicked for Lucy Stone to wear them.

THE Pope and Marshal MacMahon have been conducting a pleasant correspondence. A letter from the latter felicitating the Pope on his eighty-fourth birthday was answered in his own hand.

SOMEBODY said Peter Cooper's father was poor; and the distinguished old gentleman hurls the base insinuation back with an assurance that his grandfather was a Major in the Revolutionary army.

GENERAL F. P. BLAIR continues to improve in health and goes out driving quite frequently. The transfusion of blood has been discontinued for the present, and will not be resumed so long as the improvement is steady.

THE New Orleans *Times* (Ind.) thinks that "were Bristow a candidate for the Presidency now, he would run far ahead of any one whom his party could nominate, and would trouble any one whom the Democrats could run against him.

THE most singularly-named man in New York is Walter R. T. Jones—the middle initial standing for Restored Twice. His parents first had a son called Walter, who died. Another boy was born to them, and christened after the first, with an addition, Walter Restored. He died, and a third male child was born, and received the name he now bears, Walter Restored Twice Jones.

THE oldest ex-United States Senator now living is said to be Peleg Sprague, formerly of Maine, who was Senator from that State from 1829 to 1835. He also represented the Kennebec district in Congress from 1825 to 1829, was subsequently for many years Judge of the United States District Court of Massachusetts, and is now living in Boston at a greatly advanced age.

THE Rev. John King, better known as "Mr. Launde, the sporting parson," has left behind him a young widow. In fact, though Mr. King was over eighty years of age, Mrs. King has only just passed her thirty summers. By the will of the deceased, Mrs. King is to have the seat, Ashby, with a liberal jointure during her lifetime, and the choice of two brood mares. The remainder of the stud is to be sold.

MAUD OSWALD had to stand behind a counter in a fancy store in Troy, New York, twelve hours a day. She asked permission to sit down, and, being refused, resigned her $6-a-week salary, and applied to Barnum for a situation. She now drives the most gorgeous chariot, does a bare-back act, and, on a salary of seventy-five dollars a week, comfortably supports herself and mother. Barnum pays all the surgical bills.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Democratic Convention to nominate candidates for Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer of Maryland is called to meet in Baltimore on Wednesday, July 21.

THE Orangemen of New York have decided not to parade this year, and to honor King William, of glorious and pious memory, by a grand excursion and picnic on July 12th.

THE elephant Empress, at the Philadelphia Zoological Garden, concluded to take a rest while out for exercise last week, and it required a derrick to get the stubborn lady to her feet. The Empress is said to weigh 14,000 pounds, and to be the largest animal of the kind in America.

A DISPATCH from Prof. Jenney, of Black Hills exploring expedition, dated camp on Beaver creek, June 9, says: "The greater area of the Black Hills is in Dakota. Formations in this vicinity are of recent geological age, and not auriferous. Will cross through the hills and examine the gold-fields reported to exist near Harney's creek."

IT is stated upon what appears to be unimpeachable authority that the insect now threatening the northwestern crops is *not* the Acridium Spectus, as was feared, but simply the Gryllus Veridissimus. As every reader knows, the Acridium Spectus will eat up a field of corn and forget all about it, while the Gryllus Veridissimus is spitting in his hands to begin. At any rate, that is about what some of the newspapers say.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

THE argument was begun on Wednesday in the United States Circuit Court in New York, before Judge Blatchford, upon one branch of the multiform litigation involving the complicated affairs of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and the Minnesota & St. Paul Railroad. The defendants are the La Crosse & Minnesota Railroad (Wm. Barnes as trustee) and the third sets of bondholders. The suit is now entitled the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company against Wm. Barnes *et al.*

BY a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the funds belonging to benevolent societies have been declared subject to taxation. In obedience to this decision, the Board of Equalization has sent citations to each society in the limits of Cincinnati to show cause why they should not be taxed on their money, credits, etc. The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, and all other secret societies heretofore exempted on the ground of charity and their seeming public benefit, have been included in the summons.

### OLDEST METHODIST MINISTER.

**Celebration of Father Boehm's Centennial.**

A Special session of the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference was held in the York Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in Jersey City, Tuesday, for the purpose of appropriately celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Father Boehm, the oldest Methodist minister in the United States. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and long before the time appointed for the opening of the exercises it was almost impossible to get inside the door. Rev. Henry Boehm, the centenarian in whose honor the celebration was gotten up, was born in Lancaster, Pa., on June 8, 1775. He joined the Church at Boehm's chapel in 1797, at the age of twenty-two years, and was licensed to preach on January 6, 1800. Four months afterward he was a delegate to the General Conference which was held in Baltimore. In 1808 Bishop Asbury selected him for his traveling companion, and in 1813 appointed him Presiding Elder of the Schuylkill District. Since that time he has filled many and various appointments in various Methodist churches all over the country, and is well known wherever Methodism is preached. The above facts, together with many interesting reminiscences of Father Boehm's life, were related by Dr. Atkinson, of the Trinity Church, from data furnished by the venerable clergyman himself. Father Boehm retains all his intellectual and mental faculties in a remarkable degree, and his memory particularly is very clear. He remembers distinctly the Presidency of George Washington. His first vote was cast for John Adams in 1796. He says that the changes in this country, and the progress it has made within his recollection are so vast and overwhelming that he scarcely knows how to speak of them. The exercises were of an exceedingly interesting character. Among the distinguished persons present was Mrs. Grant, the mother of President Grant. A purse of $500 was presented to the venerable minister, Dr. Porter making the presentation speech. Prof. Henry A. Buttz responded in behalf of the recipient, thanking the donors, and promising that if the money was not needed for Father Boehm's personal use, it would be given to endow a scholarship in the Drew Theological Seminary. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Jacob Todd, of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Bartine, and Bishop Simpson, and Rev. George Lansing Taylor read an original poem composed for the occasion. The exercises occupied about three hours.

### An Unfortunate Match.

The London correspondent of the Liverpool *Daily Post* writes: "It is not generally known that the Grand Duchess Marie leads a life of daily martydom with her British husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. But Russia knows it; and the heart of every son of Muscovy burns in listening to the gossip current about the ill-treatment which the daughter of the Czar receives at home and the discourtesy shown to her abroad. I learn this from a private letter written by an Englishman long resident in St. Petersburg. He states that these rumors are talked of in all circles, and are accepted by the common people as unquestionable truth."

### NEBRASKA.

**Depredations of the Grasshoppers—The Crop Prospects—Orchard Planting — Constitutional Convention and the Weather.**

*Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.*

LOUISVILLE, NEB., June 1st, 1875.

A few weeks ago, in a letter to the GAZETTE, we referred to the anticipated depredations of the grasshoppers in Nebraska; and at the present time the grasshopper excitement is still on the increase.

Within the last two or three weeks we have been over a considerable portion of Cass county, where, last year, these pests did comparatively little damage, and find myriads of these little fellows, very diminutive in size, but capable of doing an immense amount of damage. Their numbers seem countless, and their quantity meaningless. Their depredations so far have been confined to wheat particularly, but oats and barley seem to suffer, apparently by way of variety in *dishes*. Wheat fields are stripped so bare that scarcely a single spear remains; and what seems the most remarkable, and at the same time the most destructive, is, these 'hoppers do not stop when the blade is devoured, but the earth is probed for the root, and thus there is no hope that the wheat, oats, barley, etc., will sprout and grow again. Indeed, it is somewhat interesting to watch these insects at work; we have seen a single blade of wheat lodged, and at the same time weighed to the ground, and in less time than a description requires, that blade has disappeared,—not a vestige remaining. Their rapacity, without doubt, exceeds that of carnivorous animals. As yet the 'hoppers are unable to fly; it requires several weeks after hatching before they are supplied with wings. There is an anxiety pervading all classes; it is not confined to the farmers. The merchant, the professional, the speculator, all are deeply concerned about the grasshoppers. All seem to recognize the mutual dependence of their interests, and without doubt the interests of all will be more or less affected. It would seem that the farmer should feel the greater anxiety; when his labor—the toil of weary days and weeks, is to be destroyed; when his granaries are to remain empty, as many of them are; when projects of improvement must be abandoned; when a prospect of the cry for *bread* shall touch a responsive cord in the generous emotions of the more favored in other places; when a picture like this stares our farmers in the face, it certainly is somewhat remarkable that even now they can wear an aspect of resignation. We may be anticipating an overdrawn picture; God grant that we may; but from present indications there is suffering before many of our people.

**Crop Prospects.**

Were it not for the grasshoppers, the prospect for a good crop of wheat, barley, and oats is quite flattering. The late cold Spring is believed by many to have been favorable to the growth of said crops. We have had an unusually dry Spring, and this fact, without question, has been favorable to the grasshoppers, and has retarded the growth of the small grains.

**Corn.**

Of this crop we cannot speak with any great assurance. The area planted to corn is perhaps fully up to the average of former years, and the appearance at the present is quite favorable. A bountiful yield of course depends upon the grasshoppers. Should they migrate, as many believe they will, as soon as they can fly, we will be quite likely to have an abundant yield of corn.

**Orchard Planting**

Has received a new impetus within the last two years. Orchards planted twelve or fifteen years ago, have supplied their owners with plenty of fruit for two or three years, and this fact proves Nebraska to be a good fruit country.

Not only does it prove Nebraska a good fruit country, but it operates as a sort of stimulus to others to plant orchards. Thousand of young orchards were planted this Spring, and if orchards do so well in Nebraska in the next twelve or fifteen years as in the past, Nebraska will be shipping fruit in less than two decades.

**Political.**

Our Constitutional Convention has been in session since the 10th of May. It will probably remain in session during the month of June, when, it is expected, a Constitution, emulative of that of the Old Keystone, will be submitted to the people.

**Weather.**

The finest rain of the season fell last night. Vegetation brightens up, and so do we all. B. S. R.

THEY are digging for silver in the Blue Ridge, about four miles from Bangor, in Northampton county. Silver has been found there before in small quanties, but the result of the present digging which has occupied the labors of four men two weeks, have not been rewarded by any glimpses of the precious metal. The owner of the property has the most profound confidence that the soil contains silver quartz, and he has leased it to the present operators on terms by which they can lose nothing.


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There is no change from the condition of affairs reported during the past several days, the banks having still a fair demand for money, but not more than they are able to meet. Business is gradually improving in volume and profit, and the outlook is more and more encouraging. A gentleman engaged in real estate and brokerage, who has just returned from a trip through the West, states to us that there are signs of progress and prosperity observable in all the West through which he traveled, which are simply amazing. We are evidently on the turn of the tide.

The surrender of circulation by national banks still continues. The argument which most of those who contemplate such a policy make use of is that bonds are too high, and that they think it better to sell them now than to wait until the time when it is probable that money will be tight, as it is sure to at that season, and that this will cause a decline in the prices of the bonds. There are, however, some arguments on the other side of this question, viz.: a decline in the prices of bonds would be only another way of saying that there was an advance in the rate of interest. But the present low rates of interest have continued for nearly a year, and are one of the causes of the present activity of trade and industry, and it cannot be expected that there will be any important advance in the rates of interest until trade revives, and consequently no important decline in the prices of bonds until there is a better demand for money than at present. If trades increases, and there is a general advance in the rate of interest, the banks that are now endeavoring their circulation in order to sell their bonds will have no difficulty in doing so, and will be able to buy them back at a lower price next November, or at any important advance in the rates of interest until

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## HOME NEWS.

**Delegate's Credentials.**

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**Violations of the Revenue Law**

Mrs. Mary Hayne, of Soho, was before United States Commissioner McCandless yesterday, charged with violating the revenue laws by selling cigars and tobacco without paying the special tax required. The defendant is a poor woman, and represented that she had a family to support. She was released on her own recognizance, for the action of the District Attorney, for her appearance at the October term of the United States District Court.

George Miller, of Washington, Pa., a cripple, was also before the same Commissioner, he was charged with selling liquor without having paid the necessary tax required by law. The defendant waived a hearing and was committed for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

**Summer Resorts.**

For a long time Pittsburghers have complained that there was no summer resort where a man could enjoy the beauties of nature, and escape the heat of the city, unless he left and hied away to some watering place, and thereby neglected his business, which all men could not do. This has been remedied by one of our enterprising citizens, Mr. W. Jackson, proprietor of the lovely place called "Idlewood." Mr. Jackson intends over-seeing it himself, which is a guarantee that everything will be first class. Near to the city, and at the same time in the country, and the true sense of the word, we know of no more desirable place to take up a summer abode. We have no doubt he will be crowded, as no such opportunity has been offered before.

**The Road Committee.**

At the meeting of the Road Committee yesterday afternoon, Hazlewood avenue, near the river, was reported by the engineer to be in a bad condition and that it needs immediate attention. For the proper repair of the streets, the various sub-com mittees reported that the following amounts of stone were needed: In the First district 500 perches on Oakland avenue, 500 perches on Center avenue, perches on Herron avenue and 10 perches for a culvert on Ridge street. In the Second district 1,000 perches, one half of which is needed on Frankstown avenue, and the balance on other streets. In the Third district 1,200 perches on Hazlewood avenue, 500 on Wilkins avenue, 200 on Park Place, 200 on East End avenue and 500 on Greenfield avenue. The Controller was directed to advertise for supplying and delivering the stone as above, and the committee adjourned.

**Board of Pardons.**

The Board of Pardons closed the session at Harrisburg on Wednesday night—having considered fifty applications. They recommended four for pardon, held five under advisement and refused all the others. The only case from Allegheny county was that of Richard Eones, larceny. Those refused from this county were David I. K. Rine, larceny; Robt. Richmond, larceny; James Donahue, selling lottery tickets; Robert Ray, felonious assault; Moses Hirschenbottom, felonious assault; Joseph Lauffman, fraudulently making a written instrument; Joseph Nolen, larceny; Amos Mattland, assault with intent to rob; John Madden, misdemeanor; Thomas Dowling, assault with intent to rob. The recommendation of the Board that the death sentences of Ambrose E. Lynch, of Allegheny county, and Henry Brideland, of Washington county, be commuted to imprisonment for life, was formally entered on the minutes, and if the recommendation is approved by the Governor a warrant will be issued consigning them to the Western Penitentiary.

**Rev. Thos. Hanna.**

The pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church, of this city, Rev. Thos Hanna, has tendered his resignation as pastor, under circumstances that have compelled its acceptance by the session of the church, and close of the pastoral relation will be announced to the congregation next Sabbath. The circumstances above alluded to are the declining health of his wife, and the necessity of exercise for out-door country life. He thus resigns a charge where he is popular and beloved, and where his usefulness has steadily increased during his entire period of ministerial service, under the compulsion of a higher duty he owes to the health of his family.

Mr. Hanna, during his residence in this city, has not only made a fine reputation as an eloquent and able preacher, but has made himself felt as a progressive, earnest, and thoroughly practical Christian man. No good work has failed to receive countenance and sympathy at his hands, and he has never hesitated to use the influence of every known duty. His influence has been of the positive order, and has been steadily wielded for good. As a preacher he ranks far above the average. He is clear, evangelical and earnest, and his grasp of thought, in fertility and beauty of expression, and especially in ability as a thinker, he is a man of marked qualities. His congregation will part from him with deep regret, and happy will be the Church that shall be so situated as to command his services.


**AMUSEMENTS.**

**Pittsburgh Opera House.**

Salsbury's Troubadours continue to delight the numerous patrons of the Opera House. The audiences are kept in an almost continuous roar of laughter at the comicalities of the Troubadours. The same laughter-provoking pieces will be repeated this evening.

**Trimble's Varieties.**

This ever-popular place of amusement is crowded nightly with delighted audiences, and the Summer season starts out with every prospect of success. The new drama, "Cato; or the Slave's Revenge," takes well, in addition to the many other attractions.

**"Jack and Jill."**

The celebrated Nick Robert's Pantomime Company, is announced to appear at the Opera House next week, in that great specialty, "Jack and Jill." The company is composed of twenty-five first-class artists, all highly spoken of by press and people, where they have appeared. The box sheet is now opened at the Opera House, where seats may be secured for any or every evening.


**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**

**A Little Boy Has a Leg Injured So Badly that It Has to be Amputated.**

Yesterday forenoon, about eleven o'clock, a man by the name of John Messner, a driver in the employ of Mr. C. Meyran, was going up Fifth avenue, and when he reached Ross street, he was compelled to to bring his team to a stand still to allow a number of wagons to pass. Just as he started up again, a little boy named Elezear Deboer, aged nine years, attempted to get into the back part of the wagon, and unfortunately swung his legs around so that one of his feet caught between the spokes of the wheel. He screamed at the top of his voice, and the driver stopped the vehicle as soon as possible, but not until the left leg of the little fellow had been terribly mutilated. The lad was taken to the residence of his parents, who reside at No. 13 Federal street, when Drs. Dickson and Campbell were summoned, who decided that it was impossible to save the limb, and at about two o'clock in the afternoon, amputated it just above the knee. The little sufferer was quite sick last night, but was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

The driver of the wagon was arrested in the afternoon on an information made before the Mayor by the injured boy's father charging him with reckless driving. He will have a hearing at two o'clock to-day.


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## ANTI-SECRET.

### A Lecture on Royal Arch Masonry.

**Yesterday's Proceedings of the Anti-Secret Society Convention—Addresses on Masonic Subjects—Strong Resolutions Adopted.**

The National Anti-Secret Society Convention re-assembled yesterday morning in Library Hall to commence the conclusion of the labors of this session. One hundred and ninty-nine delegates have been enrolled, about all of whom were present, but the spectators were not many, a feature which, at the evening meetings, is reversed, as the attendance of outsiders is then very good. Religious exercises were conducted by Elder Barlow, of Syracuse, N. Y. After these exercises had been concluded, President Roberts called the Convention to order, but subsequently called Bishop Edwards of the United Brethren Church, Maryland, to preside.

The reports of the Committees on Enrollment, and Correspondence and Publication were next presented and adopted.

Dr. Wishart, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following partial list of nominations of officers of the Association:

President—Rev. D. R. Kerr, Pittsburgh. Vice-Presidents—Bishop Edwards, Md.; Rev. H. Coggswell, Ohio; W. Post, New York; J. A. Conant, Conn.; Dr. Black, Ky.; S. L. Cook, Ind.; Rev. J. A. Hart, Ills.; James Mackin, Iowa. Secretaries—Rev. J. S. Speer, Canonsburg, Pa.; H. L. Kellogg, Chicago.

The report was adopted without discussion or opposition.

The Committee on Business to whom was referred the complaint of Dr. Levington, submitted yesterday, made a report regretting that any reflections had been made upon the gentleman and requesting him to forget the matter. Mr. Levington said he had suffered considerably, and he desired to know whether the complaint that had been submitted to the committee was to be printed with the report of the committee. A motion covering this suggestion was made and adopted, and Mr. Levington expressed his satisfaction and gracefully retired. Bishop Edwards, Chairman, said he was glad the matter was ended. The Convention had neither time nor strength to waste on such matters.

It was decided to postpone until afternoon the address which had been placed on the programme for delivery at the forenoon meeting.

The following offered by Dr. G. S. Easton, was debated for a while and finally referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That we affectionately request all Christian denominations having connection with any secret society to "come out" therefrom and admonish the members of their congregation to have no connection with any of them, preaching occasionally upon the nature and tendencies of associated secretism.

The Convention then adjourned until afternoon.

**Afternoon Session.**

The afternoon proceedings were of quite an interesting character and comprised a variety of features. The first was occupied the presentation of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, 1. That all secret combinations, trades unions and leagues that assume to control the price of land, labor, goods, produce or transportation are conspiracies against the public welfare, and should be suppressed by legal enactment.

*Resolved*, 2. That for bodies of men to organize in secret, enact laws with penalties, administer oaths, levy contributions or taxes and acquire military drill and discipline is treasonable in its tendency, dangerous to our republican institutions, and should not be tolerated under any pretence whatever.

*Resolved*, 3. That while we view with alarm the encroachments of the Jesuitical priesthood on our common school system, and deprecate its influence on Republican institutions, we utterly deny that Free Masonry is in any sense the conservator of Republican liberty, progressive, earnest, and thoroughly practical Christian man. No good work has failed to receive countenance and sympathy at his hands, and he has never hesitated to use the influence of every known duty. His influence has been of the positive order, and has been steadily wielded for good. As a preacher he ranks far above the average. He is clear, evangelical and earnest, and his grasp of thought, in fertility and beauty of expression, and especially in ability as a thinker, he is a man of marked qualities. His congregation will part from him with deep regret, and happy will be the Church that shall be so situated as to command his services.

*Resolved*, 4. That in the opinion of this Convention, the claim which is set up by members of the Lodge for especial favor and consideration from the American people as true defenders and champions against the Jesuitry of the Roman priesthood, is entirely without foundation; that on the contrary the Lodge is Jesuitical itself; is totally and utterly void of the spirit of the reformation; is a swift and frightful agent of demoralization, and while pretending opposition to the encroachments of the Roman priesthood, is in fact tending to corrupt the Reformed Church to build up priestcraft and destroy the Christian religion itself.

*Resolved*, 5. That in religion our anti-Masonic Association claims to be (by the help of God) Christians, as contra-distinguished from the manufactured mysifications of Paganism, and in politics we are Americans, and we will never knowingly lend our votes to elevate to office any persons who sustain foreign institutions, nationalities, or ideas that are hostile to the Christian religion and Republican Government.

*Resolved*, 6. That ministers of the Christian religion have no right to prostitute to the uses of a foreign and Jesuitical institution called Free Masonry, a modern revival of ancient Paganism, the sacred office with which they are invested of the people, they have become invested. That by so doing they tend to confound fact with fiction, living truth with cunningly devised falsehood, saving faith with debasing superstition thereby misleading and unsettling the faith of believers and hardening the unbelief of infidels, and atheists; and if they are suffered to continue impenitent, in such a perversion of their sacred office, it is only through the neglect and omission of Christian duty on the part of their respective congregations.

MORE VICE PRESIDENTS.

Following the above the Committee on Nominations presented and recommended the following gentlemen as additional Vice Presidents of the Association, which recommendation was adopted: Rev. D. Collins, of Pennsylvania; Rev. John Leving ton, of Michigan; Rev. H. T. Cheever, of Massachusetts; Gen. J. R. Phelps, of Vermont; S. C. Feemster, of Mississippi; Gilbert Weir, of New Hampshire; G. W. Needles, of Missouri; Rev. Robert Loggan, of Kansas; Prof. J. W. Wood, of Wisconsin; and B. M. Crandall, of Minnesota.

ADDRESS OF DR. MILLIGAN.

The speech of Rev. A. M. Milligan, of Allegheny, is pronounced by the advocates of anti-secrecy one of the best arguments ever delivered at any of their meetings. He took for his subject "Natural and False Oaths," and showed the character and tendency of both for good and evil. He endeavored to remove false impressions prevalent regarding the taking of obligations, and the characterization as to two kinds. First, an oath which is of a solemn and sacred nature, because it is an appeal to God, and is therefore binding upon the conscience. Second, an oath which is not a solemn appeal to God, but which is light, frivolous and vain and a wicked insult to the Deity. He contended that a true oath must depend on God, who is behind it, and if it had not that authority it was not a true oath. The logic of the gentleman won close attention and evidently gave great pleasure.

THE GENIUS OF MASONRY.

The final speech of the afternoon was delivered by Rev. Woodruff Post, who was announced to speak concerning the "Genius of Masonry" as adverse to our Government and as anti-Christian. The second part of the discourse, the anti-Christian feature, he omitted, and argued that Masonry was anti-republican, first, because it is a secret faction —a government within a government—and second because it imposes obligations which swears its candidates to eternal fealty to itself and to conceal its secrets, murder and treason not excepted. Third, because it assumes the right to punish with death American citizens for violation of Masonic laws. The speaker stated that Geo. Washington, John Q. Adams, Daniel Webster, Seward, Phillips and others, beside the forty thousand who seceded when Morgan was murdered, all testified against Masonry or such factions as Masonry contemplated. He said that the genius of secret craft was expressed in the iron bolting made in Pittsburgh than to-day. At present there are but two mills, the Superior Rail mill and Wharton Bros., idle. Even the old Eagle that has been cold for months, is running Pittsburgh still retains her prestige.—*American Manufacturer.*

**Tom. T. Ewens.**

The gentleman, whose name heads this article, is successor of Ewens & Orr, in the Plumbing and Gas Fitting business, at the old stand No. 53 Wylie avenue. To those who know him by his works, no words of praise or commendation are necessary, but to those who have not availed themselves of his services, we would offer the suggestion that no more competent, faithful and skilful workmen than he, is to be found within the limits of our city. Having every requisite and appliance for the successful and complete fulfillment of all orders entrusted to him, parties can rely on honest workmanship, promptly and skillfully performed with fair dealing and moderate charges. In patronizing Mr. Tom. T. Ewens we can assure all parties that they secure a master workman in his line, and that they will receive full value for every iota of expenditure.


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## INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

THE crucible cast steel spring works built in this city by N. & A. Middleton, of Philadelphia, and Reese, Graff & Woods, of Pittsburgh, will be put in operation at once.

IN consequence of dull trade and heavy stocks, it is stated that the Western Flint and Lime Glass Association propose to close all the flint houses during the month's of July and August.

THE old Eagle mill, which had been idle between two and three years, was recently put in operation by the new propeietors, Messrs. Mullen & Maloney. The mill has been thoroughly repaired.

Four new puddling furnaces are being added to the rolling mill works (old mill) of Kimberly, Carnes & Co., New Castle. An extension of their nail factory is also nearly ready for the roof, which, when completed, will make room for nearly double the present number of machines.—*Guardian.*

NO REMARK was more common during the strike than "Pittsburgh is losing her trade, and never will get it back again." Events prove this prophesy false. There never was more iron being made in Pittsburgh than to-day. At present there are but two mills, the Superior Rail mill and Wharton Bros., idle. Even the old Eagle that has been cold for months, is running Pittsburgh still retains her prestige.—*American Manufacturer.*

## THE BUENA VISTA RIOT.

**Continuation of the Testimony—Some Interesting Developments.**

The evidence which follows is unusually interesting, as it deals directly with the riot, and shows very clearly who was to blame for the trouble. It is a marvel that in the face of such facts such a verdict as has been recorded could have been rendered.

*James Mitchell*, sworn: Direct examination by Mr. Laird—I live in Allegheny City; I am in the stove business; I was President of a coal company on the Panhandle road for three years until the present year; we had all classes of workmen, including Italians, some of the same men we had, left our mines and went to Armstrong's; we had eighty-seven in our own mine, and within a distance of three miles there were a hundred and some eighty, I think; I never had any trouble with them—much less trouble than with any other class we had in our mines; I cannot say exactly how long we had them working for us before they came to Armstrong's store, but I think about a month; during the time they were there they were peaceable and orderly; I was in among them nearly every day; they had knives and guns furnished them there; we would have considered it suicidal on our part to have taken them there without arms; they were threatened there and fired on—the doors of the houses were fired into; this knife they carried had a blade, I should say, from five to six iches long, probably half an inch in width at the upper end of the shank and got thicker until it came pretty near the point and then it was turned round; I could not say what they used it for; I believe I have seen them cutting their bread and meat with it—I could not say positively; they carried them in their belts; they were shut; that is the only pocket knife I saw them have along the whole line of the Pan-handle road where they were working they were provided with arms to protect themselves; when we hired these Italians it was a part of the contract that they should be so armed; we had told them what they would have to contend with among these old miners, and they said they would go, provided we would give them arms to protect themselves with and not otherwise; we contracted for these men in New York City; I cannot say how many years I have known Mr. Armstrong; I was so small a boy when I first knew him that I cannot remember the number of years; his general character for peace and good order is remarkably good; I have known him intimately for years; we have been connected together in business for over ten years indirectly; he is a stockholder in the Pan-handle mines; he is a good natured man, and a great deal more lenient than I would be at times.

Cross examination by Mr. Frank Cowan: I had these Italians on the Pan-handle road from some time in the early part of September until the last of April; there were no disturbances there only the first night; the men then got such a hearty welcome that they did not want to leave; I was there when they attacked us we drove them away and they never came back again.

*Felix Alberg*, sworn—Interpreted by Marie Sneigo: I was born in Italy; I have been in this country three years; I have been at Armstrong station in October and November last; I went there on the fifteenth of October and remained there until the third of December; while I was there there were plenty of bullets came into the room where I was sleeping; I was sleeping in house No. seven; I remained there three days after the rest of the Italians went away; on Tuesday night after they went away there were as many as twenty shots came into the house where I was sleeping; after the Italians went away, two Italian men came over the top of the house—there was from here to Buena Vista; the wood house is pretty near half way between the house works and the farm house; they came within a few yards of the mule stable that was burned; then I heard a large volley of guns let off from this crowd on the hill; I could not say whether there was any firing at that time from the Buena Vista side across; I recollect of going down to the store with Mr. McArthur; on my way I saw firing from the quarry but I could not say where the balls were coming from; the balls came within about five or seven yards of me, on the right; these bullets came from above the quarry; these men were not above the works at this time; I could not tell where they began firing in the morning; just before the fight the firing commenced on the other side; I saw them firing from the Allegheny side before—from men came forward to the brow of the hill; they came there in something like an hour from the time the firing commenced on the Allegheny side; I saw them coming over by the school house, but I did not see them shoot; I heard firing and big cheering; at the time of the battle I heard firing, but I could not say that it was from both sides; for the last three years I have been in the habit of buying hay and grain for Mr. Armstrong's stock kept there; on the Saturday night before the stable was burned, there was in it five and a half tons of hay, between two and three hundred bushels of corn and a couple of hundred bushels of oats, and there was a horse burned and fourteen sets of harness.

Cross-examination by Mr. Frank Cowan: I never mind any there; I was never four hours in the pit; I was employed by Mr. Armstrong; I lived up on the hill where this Italian guard were; they kept up considerable firing there at night; one night there was a big firing and a bullet came in the front of the house and through the partition and broke the lamp by my bed where I was sitting; I slept in the house that night; the house is a log house, and except the balls came through the partition they cannot get through; I kept close to a place against the chimney so that the balls could get at me.

To Mr. Foster—The Italians went away on Monday; a few days after they went away there was heavy firing one night, and I wondered what it was about; it was said that a French woman lived there; I went down and saw that her house was riddled with balls; she showed me that her clothes were riddled; that was on Tuesday night, I think, after the Italians left; that firing came straight across the river from Buena Vista.

To Mr. Latta—I did not say that the Italian guard fired into my house.

To Mr. Frank Cowan—I heard firing in the night when I was in bed; the guard was at our house and was firing; the guard was firing as well as those on the other side.

*Maggie Fulton*, sworn: Direct examination by Mr. Laird—I was at Armstrong's on the Sunday of the fight; I do not know any of the men that came up there armed and attacked the Italians; I saw them but I did not know them; I should guess there was probably near a hundred of them; they came up there about four o'clock; I did not look to see what way they came; I saw them when they were there; two of them came into the house where I was; I should not know them if I should see them—I didn't look that much; I think one of them had a gun; I was living at home with my folks—with Mr. McKibben's family; we lived at the foot of the hill, pretty near where the Italians were—I could see the houses; I tied up the finger of one of those men; he did not say what had hurt him; he was a young fellow; that was after the fight; the skin was off the finger; I did not ask him and he did not say what hurt it; another one came in for a drink; I couldn't tell whether he had a musket—I didn't look; I was that much scared I could not say whether he had it in his hands or not; I hid in the cellar; the other members of the family did not go there too; about twenty minutes after these men were there I saw the stable on fire; I did not see the men that put the fire to the stable; I do not know when the Italians ceased firing from that side—I heard firing all day; the firing ceased a little from dinner time; I had not been there long enough to know any of the men I saw in the ranks with arms; I had been there four weeks. To Mr. Frank Cowan—I do not know what was the length of the finger that I tied up.

*Michael Nardi* sworn: Direct examination by Mr. Laird—I was born in Florence, Italy; I am twenty-three years of age; I came to Armstrong's works on the 26th of October, 1874; I left on the Monday after the fight; I was there on the 29th of November, the day of the great fight; I was in Guescetti's house; the firing was commenced that day on the Allegheny side; they commenced about ten o'clock; the firing was from between a lane and those houses on the other side; I do not know who lived in the houses; those men came across the river and got up on the hill about half-past three o'clock in the afternoon; I saw them; I could not say very well how many men there were armed, because I was down on the railroad; so far as I could see there were more than fifty; when they came on the hill they shot; they shot volley by volley; they killed one and wounded others, two of whom died that night; they killed the one on the railroad; he was shot from the brow of the hill; he was struck in the head; the other two that died, one was shot through the bowels and the other in the back; from seven to ten were wounded that did not die—I don't recollect the number; there was a man shot through the thigh that lived; there was a man shot before he was in the night time; they were firing from both the Allegheny side and the hill side at the same time; we were between two fires; I could not say how many men were firing from the Allegheny side—they were shooting from all directions from the other side; I should say that there were more than a hundred people engaged in shooting; they were shooting from the mill to Buena Vista from the other side; they were shooting out of what I think is Bell's mill; the mill opposite the store; I don't know of only one mill over there; I saw one man fire from a store near the school house on the Buena Vista side, and the ball struck in the corner of the boarding house; in the house I was in there were four men besides myself and Mrs. Guescetti and her sister; we quit firing at two o'clock, and I think the firing from the other side lasted until about five o'clock; I put out the white flag on our side; they fired three or four times more after I put out the white flag; I was at the side of the door and I put the flag on my gun and went outside and I and they pointed their guns at me and I went inside again; I put it out four or five times and jumped back from the shots; before they would quit Mrs. Guescetti and her sister went out; we sent out these women to see if they would stop; there were four or five men in our house and there were about a hundred and forty along in the other houses, and we did not know but they might all be killed; we thought if they could not respect the white flag they might the women; they stopped quite soon after they saw Mrs. Guescetti and her sister go out; they killed that man on the railroad after they went out, but they did not shoot at them; I do not recollect who came down from the attacking party, only that I have seen two men, Frederberger and Bell; it was Mr. Boon; the two ladies, Mr. Guescetti and myself were out to meet him; he required us to leave right away, but Mr. Guescetti said we could not leave then because we had no means; then he said he would get us means; Mr. Guescetti said he would give them to the police officer; Mr. Guescetti said we would leave the next day; he did not threaten if we did not leave; he came in advance of the other men to the railroad; he did not state why he wanted us to leave; he did not talk very long there; Mr. Armstrong had sent some of our arms away to Pittsburgh long before that; I do not recollect just how long; after the fight he sent the rest; all the guns we had in our house had no ammunition at that in it; every one said he had no ammunition; I do not know but they had some concealed; I had none, Mr. Guescetti had none, and all the men in that house had none; we mentioned the ladies between the stove and the door to keep them from being shot, but the bullets passed through in every way; the bullets came into that house that day, I calculate, every way you could see; one was shot in